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State of Vermont.

Charlestown 16th October 1781

The Governor and Council having joined the General Assembly in Committee of the whole to take into consideration the report of the Honorable Jonas Fay, Ira Allen and Bezaleel Woodward Esquires, who were appointed by a Legislature of this State in the month of June last to repair to the American Congress, with powers to propose to and receive from them, Terms for an Union of this with the United States &c —

His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esqr in the Chair.

The said Agents laid before the Committee the following Papers which were read by the Secretary in their order, viz.

1st & 2d A copy of their Letter to the President of Congress of the 14th of August last inclosing a duplicate of their Commission.

3d The Resolutions of Congress of the 7th & 8th of August last.

4th Brigadier General Bellows and Associates Petition to Newhampshire 25th of May 1781.

5th Petition of Selectmen of Swanzey to Newhampshire. June 9th 1781.

6th Hon. Meshech Weare Esqr's Letter to be laid before Congress dated 20th June 1781

7th Messrs Dearnes and Ezra L. Commodious

memorial and prayer to Congress of the 3d day of August 1781 together with Gen Allens and Stephen A. Bradley Esqrs memorial to Congress dated September 22d 1780

8th Resolve of Congress dated 17th August 1781.

9th Sundries proposals to Committee of Congress dated August 18th 1781

10th Questions proposed to the Agents of Vermont by Committee of Congress August 18th 1781

11th The forgoing Questions with the Answers annexed.

12th Resolutions of Congress of the 20th August 1781.

The further consideration of the Report being referred, adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o clock.

October 17th.

Met according to adjournment.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of the Resolutions of Congress of the 20th day of August aforesaid and other papers mentioned in the Report of said Agents; and after some time spent thereon — Resolved that in the opinion of this Committee the Legislature cannot comply with the Resolutions, least refused to, without destroying the foundation of the present amicable Harmony and agreement that subsists in this State, and a violation of solemn compact, entered into by Articles of Union & confederation

On further consideration of the Report being postponed, adjourned to 9 o clock tomorrow morning.

October 18.

The Committee having resumed the further consideration of the said Report—

Resolved. that inasmuch as the Resolutions of Congress of the 7th and 20th of August last did by no means comport with but did entirely preclude any propositions made by our Agents; it is therefore the opinion of this Committee that the Proposition made by our Agents to the Committee of Congress on the 18th of August last ought not in future to be considered as binding on the part of Vermont.

Resolved that it be and hereby is recommended to the Legislature of this State, that their thanks be returned to their honorable Agents for their good services in behalf of this State.

on the grounds of their late mission to the Congress of the United States of America.

And this Committee recommend to the Legislature of this State to remain firm in the Principles on which the State of Vermont first assumed Government, and to hold the Articles of Union which connect each part of the State with the other inviolate. And for the further information and satisfaction of the

Honorable

the Congress and the World, do recommend
to the Legislature to publish the following
articles, which respect the admission of Vermont
into the federal Union. viz,

Article 1st. That the independence of the
State of Vermont be held sacred and that
no member of the Legislature shall give his
vote or otherwise use his endeavors to
obtain any act or Resolution of the assembly
that shall endanger the citizens independence
and call, being of said State by refusing its
independency to the arbitrament of any power.

Article 2d. That whenever this State becomes
united with the American States, and there shall
then be any disputes between this and any of the
United States respecting boundary lines, the
Legislature of the State of Vermont will then
as they have ever proposed submit to Congress
or ~~such~~ other tribunal as may be mutually
agreed on for the settlement of any such
disputes.

And that the unfranchised world may be
fully convinced of the good and laudable
disposition of Vermont and of her readiness
to comply with any reasonable proposal
for the adjustment of the disputes respecting
boundary lines between them and the
neighboring states of New Hampshire and
New York this Convention further recom-
mend to the Legislature to make the
following proposals to the said States

of

New Hampshire and Newyork respectively
That whereas disputes have arisen between
the State of New Hampshire & Vermont
relation to the jurisdiction & boundary
lines &c. the Legislature of Vermont being
willing and desirous as much as in them
lies to promote unity and good accord between
the two States, do propose to the State of
New Hampshire that all matters relating
to the aforesaid dispute shall be submitted
to five or more judicious impartial
persons, who shall be mutually agreed on
elected and chosen by a committee of
Legislature on the part of each State respec-
tively and that the State of New Hampshire
and Vermont do pledge their faith each to
the other that the division had by the
persons so elected being made and interlining
signed by the President of said Commissioners
and delivered to the Secretary of each
State respectively shall be final and
binding on each of said States of New Hamp
shire & Vermont forever.

And that proposals of the same tenor &c.
made to the Legislature of Newyork.

And this Committee do further recommend
that five persons to be elected as Commissioners
on the part of Vermont to treat with Commis-
sioners to be elected on the part of New
Hampshire

Hampshire and New York, respectively for the adjustment of the aforesaid Provincial boundary lines and that they be commissioned by his Excellency the Governor and the Seal of this State & by him pledged in behalf of the State, that the decision thus had shall be held as passed by binding on the part of Connecticut

Ordered that the Secretary communicate to the Legislature that the proceedings of the Committee be officially transmitted to the Congress of the United States and that they be enclosed in a letter under the signature of his Excellency the Governor and directed to the President of Congress.

Whereas Connecticut do further advise the Legislature to recommend to the authority in every part of the State to remain firm in the support of Government and the punctual execution of the Laws, notwithstanding the various measures taken to create division and discord.

The Commissioners chosen for the above purpose - the Honorable Elisha Payne Jonas Fay, Ira Allen and Peter Olcott Esqrs, David Jones Esq. Col. Gideon Mann, Stephen Whitcomb Esq. Col Joseph Caldwell and Ezra Stiles Esqr.

Resolved that it be intended to the said Commissioners that they separate com. make the necessary defence in the premises and that they introduce the said matters

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to. Newhampshire and New York in
such copy or copies thereof shall appear best.
October 19th 1781.
Voted. That the Committee be discharged.
Sign'd Benj. Woodward
Clerk Committee
State of Vermont in General Assembly
October 19th 1781
The foregoing Report having been read &
the question being put it was unanimously
accepted and accepted -
Sign'd, Ronald Hopkins Clerk.
In Council 19th October 1781
Read & concurred -
Sign'd Joseph Fay Secretary.
October 30th 1781.
The foregoing is a True copy of an Act
of the Legislature of Vermont lodged in
the Secretary's Office in the said State.
Sign'd Micah Townsend Secy.
November 4th 1781
The foregoing recorded and carefully
examined by the command of His Excellency the Governor -
Thomas Johnson Secretary.

By His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq
Captain General, Governor and Commander
in Chief in and over the State of Vermont. —

27 Oct. 1781

A Proclamation

It having pleased the Supreme Govr of the Universe in the course of his holy & righteous Providence, to give us his people reason to rejoice & give thanks, in the midst of his heavy judgements with which we are justly afflicted; we are under the strongest obligations to devote ourselves to, Glory, & with due acknowledgements to render praise to his name.

I have therefore thought fit, by & with the advice of the Council & at the request of the General Assembly of this State, to appoint, and I do hereby appoint Thursday the sixth day of December next to be observed & kept as a day of Public Thanksgiving and Praise to Almighty God. And I do hereby call upon & strictly require all persons residing within this State, of every Denomination, carefully to observe & keep said Day; that we may, with united hearts & voices, gratefully acknowledge the beneficence & goodness of Jehovah, in the repeated Tokens of his mercy toward us; That he has preserved so many of our lives the year past, and been graciously pleased to defend our frontier settlements, in the midst of calamitous war, and in so singular a manner granted success to the American arms and their Allies, in every part, both by sea and land: That he has been pleased to direct our Councils, and bless the Administration of civil Government in this State, and restored so much unity and peace amongst us: That he has blest so many of us with health and safety in our dwellings: That, notwithstanding our simple provisions we are yet favored with a Bountiful Crop, which manifests

that he is yet waiting to be Gracious unto us: that he has smiled upon, and blessed the labors of our hands and gave us so fruitful a season with plentiful Harvests:- That he has filled our hearts with joy and gladness and crowned the year with his loving Kindness and Tender mercies:—

at the same time Humbly implore the Divine Favor. That God in his mercy would continue those blessings we enjoy, and in his own time avert his heavy Judgements and grant Peace to this Land: That he would turn us from our Evil Ways and cause Pure and Undefiled Religion to revive and flourish throughout this Land: The Gospel run and be Glorified: That he would raise up and send forth faithful Labourers into his Harvest, that the many Destitute Congregations may be supplied with faithful ministers of Jesus Christ: That in due Time the true cause of this State may be fully acknowledged, when our Enemies shall be confounded when Iniquity shall hide its head, and all Nations be at Peace and the whole Earth filled with his Glory.

And all servile Labour is forbidden on said Day:

Given under my hand in Council at Charlestown this 27th Day of October in the fifth Year of our Independence A. D. 1781.

Thomas Sumter

God save the People

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Proclamation for
Thanksgiving Day
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